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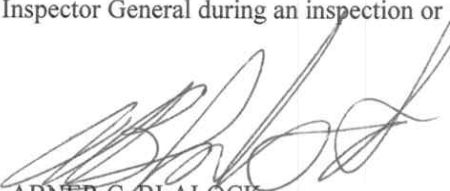
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SOLDIERS IN THE ALABAMA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE ALABAMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

SUBJECT: The Right of Soldiers to Present Complaints—or Request Assistance from—the Inspector General

1. All soldiers have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the Inspector General. These complaints or grievances may include what Soldiers reasonably believe to be evidence of Fraud, Waste and Abuse.
2. Before visiting the Inspector General, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more prompt manner. However, you are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before contacting the Inspector General. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the Inspector General during duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone why you want to speak to an Inspector General.
3. You may visit, call or write your local Inspector General using the following contact information:

COL Sheri L. Tonner
P.O. Box 3711 (ATTN: IG), Montgomery, AL 36109-0711
Fort George C. Wallace, Room 213
Office Hours Monday-Friday, 0800-1700
(334) 271-7245 or Toll Free 1-866-456-2764, PIN# 7245
FAX # 334-271-7302
Email: int-igal@ng.army.mil

4. If you believe that your local Inspector General's response to your concerns is not fair, complete or in accordance with law or regulation—if you believe that contacting your local Inspector General may jeopardize your interests—you may write to National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-IG, 1411 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202-3259. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG) Hotline. Their telephone numbers are DAIG Assistance Line: 1-800-752-9747 (toll free) and DODIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9098 (toll free). For Air Guard assistance contact: AF/IG Hotline: 703-588-1562 or 1-800-538-8429; FAX: 703-696-2555 or DSN 426-2555. You may write to SAF/IGQ, 1140 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1140
5. Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General or a member of Congress. These same individuals are prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance or cooperating with the Inspector General, a member of Congress or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to the Inspector General, you will be subject to disciplinary actions.
6. In accordance with Army Regulation 20-1, paragraph 1-12, the Inspector General has the duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement to protect confidentiality is true for all persons who ask the Inspector General for help, make a complaint, contact or assist the Inspector General during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with the Inspector General.



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